REMARKS

On November 23, 2004, the Examiner telephoned and indicated that the subject matter of Claims 1, 8 and 17 as presented by Applicants in response to the First Office Action on July 19, 2004 appeared to be allowable and requested an amendment to put the case in condition for allowance. Applicants believe that this Amendment places the case in condition for allowance as independent claims 1, 8 and 17 now recite the Claims as presented in the above-referenced response to the First Office Action.

Therefore, for all of the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that all of the rejections have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment, in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, are fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that he has demonstrated that the above-identified Patent Application, including Claims 1, 8-10, 17 and 20 is in condition for allowance, and that the Amendment should be entered as the changes to the Claims reflect claims that were previously Examined. Such action is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed to be needed in conjunction with this Amendment. However, if there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please also deduct them from IBM Deposit Account NO. 09-0447.

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